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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Harry T. French, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/649,713  
Filed: August 25, 2000  
Title: MESSAGING SYSTEM FOR A PACKET TRANSPORT SYSTEM  
AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF  
Grp./A.U.: 2665  
Examiner: Clemence S. Han

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(e)**

Before continuing examination of the above-identified application, please refer to the below arguments and amend the claims as indicated below.